

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 178

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of James Haltom to the Tennessee Claims Commission.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-8-301(a), provides for the creation of the Tennessee Claims Commission, to consist of three members, one from each grand division of the State; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-8-302, provides that the Governor shall appoint each commissioner for a term of eight years; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Lee has appointed James Haltom to serve a term as the Middle Division Commissioner for the Tennessee Claims Commission that expires June 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, James Haltom proudly served his country as a combat platoon leader in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, commanding more than 200 combat missions; and

WHEREAS, following his active military service, he graduated with honors from the University of Mississippi School of Law, where he served as President of the Law School Student Body and was a member of the *Mississippi Law Journal* and Moot Court Board; and

WHEREAS, upon graduation, he commenced his legal practice in Nashville with the law firm of Burr Forman and most recently was a partner with the national law firm of Nelson Mullins; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Haltom has served as a board member of various civic and professional organizations, including The Andrew Jackson Foundation, the National Guard Association of Tennessee Insurance Trust, the Better Business Bureau of Middle Tennessee and Southern Kentucky, and Operation Stand Down Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, he currently serves as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Tennessee Army National Guard and is a recent graduate of the U.S Army's Command and General Staff College; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Haltom is a person of integrity and an active citizen whose benevolence, acumen, and strong commitment to public service have helped to enhance the well-being of this State and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-8-302(a), provides that each commissioner appointed to the Tennessee Claims Commission by the Governor shall be subject to confirmation by resolution of both houses of the General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby confirm the appointment of James Haltom as the Middle Division Commissioner for the Tennessee Claims Commission for a term that expires June 30, 2027.